

IN THE CLAIMS

1. - 8. (Cancelled).
9. (Previously presented) A safety system for preventing injury from a fall, comprising:
 - a safety harness for engaging a wearer;
 - a standing line for attachment to a support structure;
 - a sliding loop comprising a knotted length of rope slidable along at least a portion of the length of said standing line, wherein said sliding loop is freely movable along said standing line when not loaded, but resists movement relative to said standing line when under load; and
 - coupling means for attaching said sliding loop to said safety harness.
10. (Original) The safety system of Claim 9, wherein said standing line comprises a looped portion.
11. (Original) The safety system of Claim 9, wherein said standing line comprises a clip.
12. (Cancelled).
13. (Previously presented) The safety system of Claim 9, wherein said knotted length of rope has a smaller diameter than said standing line.
14. (Original) The safety system of Claim 9, wherein said sliding loop comprises a prusik hitch.
15. (Original) The safety system of Claim 9, wherein said coupling means comprises a carabiner.
16. (Original) The safety system of Claim 9, wherein said safety harness comprises a belt.

17. (Original) The safety system of Claim 9, wherein said safety harness comprises a multi-point body harness.
18. (Withdrawn) A method for preventing injury due to a fall from an elevated position, said method comprising the steps of:
 - securing a standing line to a support structure adjacent the elevated position;
 - slidably connecting a sliding loop comprising a prusik hitch to the standing line, whereby the sliding loop is freely movable along the standing line when not loaded, but resists movement relative to the standing line when under load; and
 - coupling the sliding loop to a harness worn by a user.
19. (Cancelled).
20. (Cancelled).
21. (Previously presented) An elevated access safety system comprising:
 - a platform for supporting a user in an elevated position;
 - a safety harness for attachment to a portion of the user's body;
 - a standing line for attachment to a support structure above said platform;
 - a prusik hitch slidable along at least a portion of said standing line, wherein said prusik hitch is freely movable along said standing line when not loaded, but resists movement relative to said standing line when under load; and
 - coupling means for attaching said prusik hitch to said safety harness.